

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the first page of the specification of the above-identified application to identify a prior application, No. 09/903,580, being relied upon under 35 USC §120 in the above-identified application, consistent with requirements of 35 USC §120; and to incorporate the contents of this prior application by reference in their entirety.

Noting particularly that the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.63 being submitted in the above-identified application is the same as that originally filed in No. 09/903,580, it is respectfully submitted that the present amendments do not add new matter to the application.

Applicants note the sole claim forming part of the application papers of the above-identified Continuation application. Applicants will be filing a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application, including claims for examination in the above-identified application. If this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment is not in the file of the above-identified application when the Examiner takes up the above-identified application for examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned, for determining status of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. The Examiner is thanked in advance for cooperating with this request.

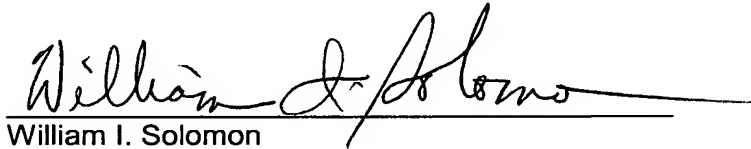
Entry of the present amendment, prior to examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135

(Case No. 843.40352CX1), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William I. Solomon", written over a horizontal line.

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